



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

Serving the Churches of Holy Spirit, West Bridgford, Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave,
St Anne, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Bingham, St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth

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'He sells all that he has and buys that field.'

Matthew 13:44-46

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A

Feast of St Anne and St Joachim - World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday 26th July

This weekend, as we celebrate the feast of St Anne and St Joachim, we give thanks for the church community of Saint Anne's. We also celebrate all our grandparents and elderly and give thanks for the contribution they make to our parish.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026

Fr John, together with several parishioners, recently joined the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, a time of prayer, hope, and renewal. One of the most moving symbols of Lourdes is the candle. When St Bernadette prayed at the Grotto, she held a lighted candle, and before she left, Our Lady asked that it continue to burn. Since 1858, candles have burned there without interruption—each one representing someone's prayer, a petition, a thanksgiving, or an act of love, forming an unbroken chain of light.



Each evening, thousands of pilgrims carry their candles in procession through the darkness, while countless others continue to burn day and night, long after the pilgrims have returned home. They remind us that prayer continues, and that the light of faith is never meant to be kept to ourselves, but carried home and shared with others.

During the pilgrimage, Fr John carried the prayers and intentions of our parish to Lourdes and lit a candle on behalf of our parish community, entrusting us all to Our Lady of Lourdes. May that light continue to inspire us to pray for one another and to share Christ's hope and love wherever we are.



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Deacon Peter Swarbrick Deacon Peter Swarbrick's Funeral Service will be at St Margaret Clitherow Church, Keyworth, on Monday 27th July at 2:30pm with the Committal at Rushcliffe Oaks Crematorium at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend both and also to join the family afterwards for light refreshments at the Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club. There will be a Memorial Mass for Peter at 11:00am on Monday 10th August at St Margaret Clitherow. The Memorial Mass will be followed by light refreshments. If you will be attending the Memorial Mass and wish to stay afterwards, could you please add your name to the list at the back of church by Sunday 2nd August so that we know how many to cater for. Thank you.

In Loving Memory We are saddened to share that five of our beloved parishioners, Charles McCann, Christine Hoban, Edna Mullarchy, Norman Black and Sarah Dolan (Mary MacArthur's mother), have recently passed away. We give thanks for their lives, their faith, and the many ways they enriched our parish community. The Requiem Mass for Sarah is on Thursday 30th July 2.30pm at Holy Spirit, Requiem Mass for Norman is on Friday 31st July 10am at St Anne's and Requiem Mass for Charles is on Wednesday 5th August 11.30am at Holy Spirit. Details for Christine and Edna's funeral arrangements will be shared once they have been confirmed. Please keep their families and all who mourn them in your prayers at this difficult time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Annual Parish Report 2025–2026 is now available. Following the valuable feedback received during the Summer 2025 parish consultation, this year's report reflects our commitment to clearer communication and greater transparency. It highlights the life and mission of our parish, recognises the dedication of our clergy, staff and over 260 volunteers, and provides an overview of parish finances and future challenges. Reference copies are available at the back of each church for you to read before or after Mass. Please leave them in church so that others may also use them. An electronic copy is available on the parish website. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office, and we will be happy to provide one.

Help Shape Our New Parish Youth Group Young people of our parish – we need your ideas! Please take a few minutes to complete the [Youth Group Survey](#) and help us shape a new youth group that is welcoming, enjoyable, and centred on faith. Simply scan the QR code alongside this notice to complete the survey. If you would like more information or would like to get involved, please contact Louis through the Parish Office.



Holy Masses and Services for 25th July to 2nd August 2026

Saturday 25th July St James, Apostle, (Feast)	11am Baptism; HS 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Rowan Henry Haw The People of The Parish Stan Ayling RIP
Sunday 26th July Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 1pm; Baptism ; HS	Carrado Di-Francescomarino begins his seminary formation for the priesthood John Carlin RIP Stuart Whitlow RIP Robert Whitely RIP
Monday 27th July Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; SA 10am Rosary ; SA 2.30pm Funeral ; SMC	For Christians in areas of conflict Reverend Peter Swarbrick RIP
Tuesday 28th July Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Mass; SMC	For Justice and Peace in the World
Wednesday 29th July Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus, (Memorial)	9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	Joanne Woodcock McSherry RIP
Thursday 30th July Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; OLOG 2.30pm Requiem Mass ; HS 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life ; HS 	Sarah Dolan RIP
Friday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola, priest (memorial)	10am Rosary ; SMC 10am Requiem Mass ; SA 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SMC 11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA 12noon Rosary ; SA 5pm Rosary ; OLOG 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; HS 7pm Mass; HS	Norman Black RIP For those who are unwell
Saturday 1st August Saint Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, bishop and doctor (memorial)	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	In Thanksgiving for the Blessings of Nature Peter Emery RIP
Sunday 2nd August Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Repose of the Soul of Gerry Glynn RIP The People of the Parish For our Priests Maggie Hanlon

The Service of the Word and Communion, Rosary and Adoration schedule may vary depending on the availability of volunteers to lead the service.

After Mass Refreshment Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS; Thursday After Mass/Service; OLOG; Friday After Mass/Service; SA

HOLY SPIRIT ♦ Prayers for Vocations Thursday evenings next to Our Lady's chapel 7 pm at Holy Spirit church.

ST ANNE ♦ St Anne's Midday Mass on Friday 31st July Please note that the 12noon Mass at St Anne's on Friday, 31st July is cancelled as a funeral is taking place that day. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 11.30am and the Rosary at 12noon, followed by refreshments. Thank you for your understanding.

CAFOD Summer Quiz 2026 – CAFOD are pleased to announce that our summer quiz compiled by Dick Francis, is now on sale at the back off each church for £2. It will be available all summer and the closing date for submitting your answers is Tuesday 1st September.

CAFOD Parish Pilgrimage to Padley Chapel Derbyshire - CAFOD invites parishioners to a Parish Pilgrimage to Padley Chapel on Wednesday, 9th September 2026. The day includes a guided tour of this historic place of pilgrimage, Mass celebrated by Fr Greg Tobin, and an optional lunch afterwards at the Maynard Arms. There is a gentle 30-minute walk from the car park to the chapel.

If you would like to take part, please sign up using the registration form available at the back of the church.

Reply to Press Enquiries concerning the Amnesty International Report “A growing threat: the anti-rights movement in the UK”. The Catholic Church works to uphold the God-given rights of all humanity, without exception. This includes the rights of those unjustly imprisoned, of refugees and migrants, of those who have been trafficked, and the right to life of all people from conception to natural death. Furthermore, we uphold the right to freedom of religion, conscience and expression as explained in the document of the Second Vatican Council, *Dignitatis Humanae*. Our belief in the dignity of every person, from which a proper understanding of human rights comes, animates all our work in the field of social justice in England and Wales.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life Bill) on Friday 11th September, the Bishops' Conference has produced resources encouraging parishioners to write to their MPs. Either scan the QR code on the poster, or visit www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ Please consider writing to your MP, showing the support of the Catholic Community in opposition to this proposed change to the law.

SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK Looking for ways to keep faith at the heart of your family's summer? The CELEBRATE Summer Family Activity Pack is full of ideas to help families grow in faith together. It includes fun faith-filled activities, family prayer resources, book recommendations for different ages, and family-friendly film suggestions. Also available is the Summer Psalm Walk, designed to help families reflect on Psalm 139 while walking in a local park or enjoying a holiday.

Visit Parish Website <https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes> or www.celebratetrust.org to download these free resources and make the most of the summer together.

Parish in August

♦ **Welcome to Visiting Priests** We warmly welcome the **Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)**, who will celebrate our weekend Masses on 1st - 2nd August. They will share their missionary work, and there will be a Second Collection in support of their mission.

We also look forward to welcoming **Fr Philip Thomas Edwards**, who will be visiting family in the Rushcliffe area and celebrating our weekend Masses on 8th - 9th August.

♦ **Weekday Masses During August** To support our clergy during the summer, there will be some temporary changes:

- Mondays: A Service of the Word and Holy Communion at 9.30am at St Anne's, replacing Mass.
- Fridays: There will be no 7.00pm Mass at Holy Spirit on 14th, 21st and 28th August

♦ **Summer Break - The following parish activities will take a summer break during August:**

- Holy Spirit Music Ministry
- Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life at Holy Spirit (resuming in September)
- St Anne's Friday Refreshments (resuming on Friday, 4th September)

Our sincere thanks to all our volunteers, lay ministers, and everyone who serves so generously across our parish. Whether your ministry is highly visible or quietly carried out behind the scenes, your dedication and faithful service enrich our parish community and are deeply appreciated. We wish you all a restful, refreshing, and blessed summer.

♦ **Parish Office Summer Arrangements** The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 10th to Friday 21st August, reopening on Tuesday 25th August. Emails and telephone messages will continue to be monitored, although replies may take a little longer.

There will be no parish newsletter during August, but the weekly Mass and Services Diary will continue to be available by email and on the parish website.

For urgent parish matters, please contact: Fr Evarist: 07424 542925 or Fr John: 07714 460526

If you know of anyone in hospital who would appreciate a visit from the Catholic Chaplain, please contact the **Chaplaincy Team**: QMC: 0115 924 9924 (ext. 83799); City Hospital: 0115 969 1169 (ext. 837)

Email: contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. We wish everyone a happy, restful and blessed summer.

♦ **Heads-up: Second Collection for St Vincent de Paul Society on 5th/6th September** The SVP's aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. Please give generously to our second collection, so this work can continue.

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QMC: 0115 9249924 (ext. 83799) **City:** 0115 9691169 (ext.837) or email: contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk

SACRAMENTS

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation Programme and Faith Journey Group (RCIA), please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

Marriage: six months' notice required. Please contact the Parish Office.

Communion to the Sick and Housebound: Please contact the Parish Office.

Funerals: organised with local funeral directors, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Priest.

Confessions: Every first and third Saturday at Holy Spirit and St Anne before Mass or by request.

Newsletter inserts please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator. Please send your insert by Wednesday noon.

DONATIONS

We appreciate any donation you wish to make by cash, cheque, online banking, or contactless giving

♦ Set up a regular donation via your online banking

Parish bank details: **Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP** **Account Number: 44603560** **Sort code: 30-96-18**

♦ Gift Aid: If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. This allows the parish to claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated at no extra cost to you. To Gift Aid your donation, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, which can be downloaded from

<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/donate>

♦ Donation Envelopes Available They are now available at the back of the church. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, please fill in the required information on the envelope to ensure your donation can go further.

♦ The digital donation system - DONA is up and running at Holy Spirit.



Scan the QR code or visit this website
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make your contributions online.

